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### Page 2: General Information

Q1 Please enter the name of your county.

**Carson County** 

**Q2** Enter name of CHC chair who managed 2018 work. If you have "co-chairs," pick the one individual who knows the most about what the CHC accomplishes and can be the one point of contact for our agency.

Name of 2018 CHC chair Linda Germany

Chair's address 2707 County Road 18 White Deer, Texas 79097

Chair's cell phone number (806) 440-1929

Other phone number for chair (806) 883-4000 / home

Email address for chair Igermany75@gmail.com

**Q3** Contact info for individual filling out report IF OTHER THAN CHAIR. This is who we will contact with questions about reporting answers.

Respondent skipped this question

#### Page 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

**Q4** How many volunteer hours were contributed in 2018? Please enter numbers only for your answer--webpage will NOT advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours 1619

**Q5** Provide the total number of CHC appointees serving in the 2018 year of service. Please enter numbers only for your answer; webpage will not advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text.

# of CHC appointees 15

**Q6** Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

Respondent skipped this question

### Page 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

**Q7** Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2018. Both items below must be answered using numbers only; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC did not meet.

CHC full commission 5
meetings in 2018
CHC committee meetings in 2
2018

**Q8** Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2018. A majority of appointees must be present at a meeting to constitute a QUORUM. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings made quorum

## Page 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

**Q9** Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

## Page 6: CHC Financial Information

**Q10** Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

**Q11** Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2017: Annual county allocation for 3085 2018 (not including money for museums): County money allotted for 36000 museums in 2018 (passing through CHC): Any other money issued by county during 2018 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): CHC fundraising proceeds 0 (events, book sales, etc.) during 2018: Grant money provided to CHC 0 in 2018: Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2018: "Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): Any other money amounts for 0 2018 not already included above; DO NOT include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses.

**Q12** Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip question if you have no comments.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q13** If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if his/her salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. FYI--This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: CHC Financial Information (continued)

**Q14** If your CHC receives in-kind donations, check each in-kind item below that was given to your CHC in 2018. SKIP QUESTION if your CHC doesn't accept in-kind donations.

Meeting and/or office space for CHC,

Space for a CHC-sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.)

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Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above,

Exterior maintenance or heavy equipment

Project/event supplies and/or equipment,

Administrative supplies or services--postage, paper, ink, copier, etc.

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Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.

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Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need)

Page 8: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

**Q15** A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.

**Updated annually** 

**Q16** Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.

CHC chair,

CHC

officers

CHC

appointees

Page 9: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

**Q17** If your CHC has performed work associated with formal cultural and historic resource survey, please explain survey work completed in 2018 in the box below. Include work to initiate or maintain surveys. Skip question if no survey work.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 10: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

**Q18** Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county

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Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county

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Cleaned or repaired

**MARKERS** 

Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

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Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)

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Periodically assess the condition of properties

DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior
as historic

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Provided an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED as historic for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

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Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county

Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county

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Provided an inventory of CEMETERIES for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

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Maintain an inventory of CEMETERY ORGANIZATIONS in your county

Page 11: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

Q19 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county

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Identified and/or researched historic bridges and/or bridge types in your county

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Provide general comments on above work if you'd like ·

19. We researched historic farms and ranches in Carson County that had been owned by the same family for 100 years. We encouraged them to apply to the Texas Land Heritage Program for 100 Year Old Farms and Ranches through the Texas Department of Agriculture. We also researched the historic Spring Creek Metal Truss Bridge in Carson County, and through working closely with TxDot and Mark Brown were able to save it. They are going to close it and fix another road to be used in order to save the bridge. At the last Carson County Commissioners Court meeting they voted to accept TxDot's proposal. All that is left now is to get the ok from the land owner.

**Q20** Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 12: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

**Q21** Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2018 body of work.

CHC participated in community planning activities to ensure historic and cultural resources were considered when development or zoning is discussed by city officials

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Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.:

21. We participated in community planning activities to ensure a historic intersection pavement and red brick design was preserved while TxDot is repaving the highway that goes through the city of Panhandle.

**Q22** Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.

County offers historic tax exemptions/incentives for qualified properties

Page 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

**Q23** Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

Secured private grant money to fund or partially fund a CHC project

Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above.:

23. Our CHC actively promotes our historic Square House located at the museum complex as well as other historic sites in Carson County to sustain heritage tourism initiatives. We secured grant money to partially fund the restoration of the Museum's historic Eclipse Windmill.

Page 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

**Q24** Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools

Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

Supported activities sponsored by one or more of the Texas Heritage Trails regions

Provided tours of other historic buildings and/or sites within the county

CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large

**Q25** List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

25. Presented educational history trunks to audiences outside our CHC such as Veteran's Homes, Nursing and Retirement Homes, and social clubs.

Presented educational history trunks and WOWW educational programs to youth and schools throughout the Texas Panhandle.

Several members participated in the Route 66 Festival held in Shamrock, Texas.

Partnered with the Texas Plains Trail and other organizations for the Route 66 Festival.

Some of our CHC members helped with tours of the historic Square House located in Panhandle, as well at other historic sites. This site is open to the public at large.

Page 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

**Q26** Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2018.

County ,
officials
City ,
officials
Local law ,
enforcement

Local , businesses Libraries,

Museums,
Cemetery organizations,

Texas Heritage Trails ,

Program

Tourism organizations / visitors bureau

Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above (societies, associations, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Chambers of commerce / downtown business association

Page 16: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

Q27 Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with CHC appointees volunteer with museums. museum/s CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum CHC is considered to be the board of the county museum Q28 Enter your county name and provide the name and Respondent skipped this question location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums. Q29 When considering your overall workload, check the 51-75% of CHC time spent on museum related range that applies to your CHC. work Page 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment Q30 Check each way your CHC officially reported 2018 Presented to county commissioners court about a activities to your county officials. particular project/s

Met with the county , judge

Met with county , commissioners

Submitted CHC meeting minutes,

Submitted a CHC budget,

Submitted CHC treasury , reports

Provided suggested CHC appointments

Submitted CHC bylaws,

Provided suggested CHC appointments,

Plan to present summary of 2018 accomplishments to commissioners court in early 2019

Page 18: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

**Q31** Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2018.

County judge,

County commissioners,

Mayor/s of cities in your

county

City council members from cities within your

county

Law enforcement

officials

Q32 Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2018. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.

32. Carson County: County Judge Dan Looten; County Commissioners: James Martin, Mike Jennings, and Kevin Howell; Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand; County Deputy Tam Terry; County Treasurer Denise Saltzbrenner; Panhandle Mayor Doyle Robinson; Panhandle City Councilmen: Bill McLoud and Dusty Slone; White Deer City Deputy Darrell Luster, and White Deer City Council woman and EMS Director Lyn Luster.

### Page 19: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

**Q33** Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2018 in support of Texas history and preservation.

Issued information to the public at large--newsletters, email, press releases, etc.

Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets

Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events

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Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general

Page 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

**Q34** Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to improve appointee participation in 2018.

Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees

Used the THC website information to educate appointees

Q35 If you ATTENDED a CHC regional meeting in 2018, please indicate:— the counties that participated (including your county);— topics or themes discussed; and — how many times you have met formally as a group over the years. Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

Q36 Please list workshops that your CHC hosted in 2018, including information on the educational topic. Providing this information enables our staff to know more about your interests. Skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 21: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

**Q37** Reflecting 2018 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees who attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

Texas Heritage Trails

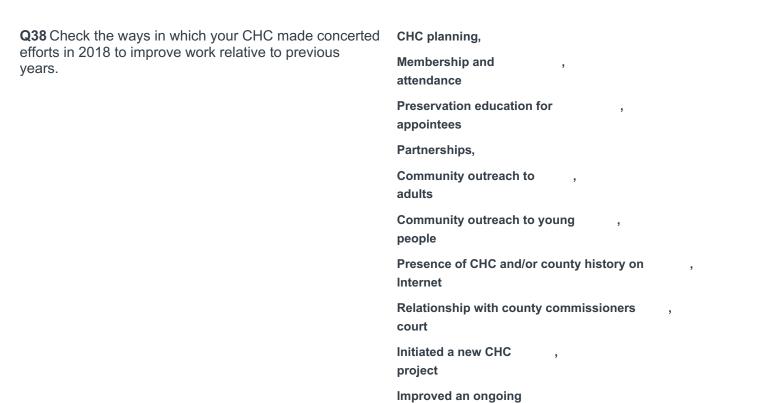
Program

Texas Association of

Museums (other than THC partnered training listed above)

Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally

Page 22: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)



effort

Page 23: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

**Q39** Project Description #1 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that resulted in a preservation and/or protection outcome. Projects may include, but are not limited to, building rehabilitations, site clean-ups, digitization of archival documents, oral history, etc. Please do not include marker efforts here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the project/effort/service—improvements made, public benefit, etc.

39. Carson County: The largest project our Museum Staff and CHC worked on in 2018 was the restoration effort for our historic Eclipse Windmill located on the museum property. Our historic windmill had been deuterating over the past years and was in bad need of repair. The wooden base was rotting, and the blades were getting in bad shape also with several of them missing. It had been standing for many years. Through research we found that Crowell Water Well Service of Claude, Texas was one of only a few companies in our area who was certified to work on this type of artifact. In late fall of 2017 they came, took it down and loaded it, and took it to Claude, in Armstrong County to be restored. They were to disassemble, repair, clean, and paint in order to restore it to historical accuracy. Upon receiving the cost estimate the next step was to raise the necessary money. We applied for and received a grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation to help partially fund the project. Also, we received a portion of money willed to the Museum by Mogie McCray, former CCHC Chair. We also sent out appeal letters to donners in Carson County to help with the cost. Without the support of the whole county and several large donations we would have lost a real treasure. Our staff and CHC partners included the Amarillo Area Foundation, McCray family, Carson County donners from each community, and the Crowell Water Well family from Claude.

Shortly after the fourth of July celebration we received word that it was nearing completion. The day in mid July when they came to put it back in its place brought much excitement to the town. A large crowd had gathered to watch them put it up. They brought their lawn chairs and cameras and watched it all unfold. From the street the large wooden base had to be hoisted with a large crane over a very large Crab Apple Tree and put into place and then anchored down. It was quite the sight. Then came the blades. We were told the worker's wives had done all the painting on the Eclipse blades. They did a really good job. It also had to be lifted slowly over the large tree and anchored to the top of the tower. When they were all finished after a full day of work it all looked great and we were so glad to have the crown of Panhandle history back home! The Texas Panhandle was settled with windmills. Working Windmills are now few and far between due to the expansion of electricity and solar energy. Carson County is lucky to have this artifact from the past as a fixture at the Carson County Square House Museum for future generations to see how our pioneers secured their water.

#### Page 24: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

**Q40** Project Description #2 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was focused on educating the citizens of your county and/or celebrating history with the citizens of your county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

40. Carson County: Another big project we worked on in 2018 was helping the Third Grade Class of Panhandle Elementary and their teacher, Kim Ewing, with their "Living Museum." We hold it at our Museum each year and provide historical artifacts for their props. Each student portrays an early pioneer or person associated with the area or our county such as Quhana Parker or Charles Goodnight. They memorize the person's history and dress appropriately. They are placed throughout the museum complex in each of the five buildings. As guests approach each student, they recite the history of the person they are portraying. It is a great learning tool for the students and for the guests also. CHC members helped by registering guests, handing out programs, providing information where each student was located, helping guests locate each building location, and some were stationed in each building to greet and help where needed. In 2018 it brought over 400 guests to the Museum, many of whom had never visited there. Partners for this project are the Museum staff, our CHC appointees, the third-grade class, their teacher, the Museum Educator, the school district, and community volunteers. It brings a lot of people together for this special event promoting our history, our schools, and our Museum.

**Q41** Project Description #3 (of 3)— Share ONE project, effort, or service that educated and/or celebrated history and was promoted to people OUTSIDE of your county. A heritage tourism effort may be described here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

41. Carson County: Our third project came about through the Panhandle Tourism and Marketing Council. (PTMC) Our county has had members of our CHC working with the PTMC for quite a few years. It serves the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Its membership includes Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) members, CHC members, COCs, EDCs, etc. from various counties and communities throughout the top 26 counties. We also had several members of the Route 66 Associations in Amarillo and Shamrock in our PTMC. Each year a Route 66 Festival is held along Route 66 in a state from Illinois to California. In 2018 it was to be held in Texas and Shamrock, Texas won the bid to host it. It is a big deal to receive this honor. The community of Shamrock and Wheeler County asked if our PTMC members and organizations could partner with them to help with the Festival. We voted to do so and helped financially and with the "Goodie Bags" to be handed out during the event. The Texas Route 66 Festival was a big success! They hosted visitors not only from many states in the United States but also from quite a few countries. It was a great opportunity to promote our area and attractions. This was to be the final project for our PTMC. Because of declining membership, we finally voted to disband. Since there were several members of the TPTR who work with the PTMC, our President asked if our remaining members who wished could merge with the TPTR. The TPTR Board voted and agreed to accept them. As a result, our CCHC Chair and Co-Chair rotated on to the TPTR Board of Directors the end of July. We had been members of the PTMC since 2008 and hated to see this worthwhile heritage tourism organization dissolve.

#### Page 26: CHC Comments for the THC

Q42 Share your thoughts on THC/CHC Outreach services that have helped your CHC.

42. Carson County: Over the last ten years, since I became chair of the Carson County Historical Commission, I have been able to experience the Texas Historical Commission's Outreach services. They have been extremely helpful to me and my Co Chair as we learned all the many things we needed to know. The Conference held in Austin each year for the first few years was so much help to us. We have been unable to attend the last couple of years due to conflicts, but highly recommend it to all who are connected to this field. We also attended all the workshops presented in our area. They were all very helpful. We also enjoyed the Webinars. Every time I have called for help with anything, they have been so nice and worked hard to help me resolve our problem. The THC website is also a great help to us and all the members of our CHC. We send them there often when they are needing help with anything. All the services offered have been extremely helpful and we thank you for all you do to support our efforts.

**Q43** If you'd like, share information not already submitted in this report. Feel free to comment on specific preservation issues--successes and/or challenges--in your county.

43. Carson County: Our Carson County Historical Commission is still facing the challenge of trying to buy the Liberty School, the only one room school left in our county. We have someone who has volunteered to donate the money to purchase the school and repair the damages, but still cannot get family members to agree to it. They cannot agree with each other is the problem. It is just very hard to see it deteriorate from weather because of broken out windows and a bad roof that is ruining the floor and metal ceiling. We have one of our CHC members helping to keep a line of communication open with hopes that they will agree before it is too late.

Preservation successes we are proud of are our oral history interviews with county veterans and early county residents from each community. We have also brought the Panhandle and White Deer High School students on board to do some of the military interviews. We feel this partnership with the schools will be an asset to our CCHC and our schools. They have been excited to work with us on this project.